Dear parents and friends,

Do we have an assembly?
Galilee Gathers is an assembly with a different name. It is an opportunity for the school, homerooms, stages and individual students and committees to:

- Share learning
- Talk about celebrations in homerooms
- Present certificates and awards
- Provide new information
- Share about coming events
- Provide outcomes of student Forum Group

When is Galilee Gathers?
- Mondays at 2.25pm in the hall, so all parents are welcome and can attend prior to pick up - Check the Diary Dates in the newsletter
- The homeroom hosting GG will be advertised in the Diary Dates

As our school has grown, we have had to modify the process so Galilee Gathers now occurs in a 3-week rotation and is directly linked to Student Voice and Decision Making.
1. Student Forum
2. Senior Galilee Gathers (stage 2 and 3)
3. Junior Galilee Gathers (Early Years and Stage 1)

What is the Student Forum?
The forum provides an opportunity for students to share opinions, issues, ideas and suggestions and to make decisions.

Who attends?
- 2 representatives from each homeroom (The reps change each forum)
- Year 7 students
- Mrs Higgins and Mrs Calderbank

How does my child have a say?
- Each home group has a meeting and brings along items for discussion
- Year 7’s work with students to help make decisions for the whole community
- Decisions are shared by years 7’s reps at both Galilee Gathers

What decisions have the students made this year?
- A focus this term has been selecting and organising a student idea for fundraising – look out for more information about their decision soon.
- Use of resources in the yard
- How chasey can be made safe for everyone

I look forward to seeing you at Galilee Gathers, and thank you for those who attend and support their child/ren.

Weekend Soccer at Galilee
Attached with the newsletter is a Soccer Notice that all families and students who play and attend soccer are to read carefully. The notice outlines a few items to ensure soccer continues successfully through your support and cooperation.

Keep warm
Jodie Higgins
Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities Conference

I was fortunate to attend the conference last Saturday 30th May at the Mary Mackillop Centre along with Amy Dicks and Sarah Adams on behalf of our community. We enjoyed the opportunity to listen to Sonia Nolan who is a commissioner for the Catholic Commission for Western Australia and a strong advocate for community connection and social innovation. The focus for the day was on establishing and maintaining effective conversations between parents and educators. Sonia’s input provided some new thinking that engaged the attendees in an ongoing conversation throughout the day. It was great to hear from parents and educators about the strategies that are successful, the blockers to effective communication and the shared understandings that can create new opportunities to support the children we are all collaborating for. It is through ongoing dialogue with each other that we gain a clearer understanding of the whole picture. One of the images from the conference which highlighted this is above.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) Education Planning

Teaching staff enjoyed the opportunity to work with Kathy Stringer, an ATSI education consultant from Catholic Education SA. Kathy worked with the staff to engage with the Australian Curriculum documents with a focus on the ATSI education perspectives that can be a focus through many learning areas. Staff members also explored the ATSI perspectives that can be accessed within our whole school inquiry focus of ‘respectful connections are life giving.’

Last Wednesday we began Reconciliation Week with a wonderful reflection led by Miss Little’s learning community. Our learning has been extended through further learning activities in our homerooms during the week and will continue as a result of our planning with Kathy and colleagues.

Student Teachers at Galilee this term

You may have met or heard about our student teachers in Kim Calderbank’s, Melissa Treloar’s and Luke Buchanan’s learning communities in stage 3 recently. We welcomed Sam Healy, Emily Watson and Stephanie Norris (just completed her placement) who are all sharing their expertise and passion for learning with our children, parents and staff in such a commendable way. Each of these learning communities are benefiting from having two educators teaching and learning with the children.

Learning Conversations with teachers

I’d like to remind all of our parents and carers that you are always most welcome to discuss your child’s learning at any stage during each term with your child’s home room teacher. We do have set times during the year when learning conversations are offered, namely Terms 1 and 3, but these are not the only times when such empowering conversations can be held. Sometimes it may be challenging to have a chat in the morning or afternoon due to the busyness of the homeroom, so feel free to make a time with the teacher where you can sit down uninterrupted, to discuss your child’s achievements, challenges and goals for learning. Mid Year reports will be sent home just prior to the end of this term, which provide a summary of your child’s progress so far this year. You may wish to talk with your child’s teacher to discuss aspects of this summary either before or after the mid year school break. The teachers value these opportunities to work with you to support your child’s learning.

School Photos

School Photos will be taken at our school on TUESDAY 28TH JULY. Mark this day in your diary. In 2015 the range of options available to you online has increased. As well as the option to download a Low Resolution image for a smart-phone, parents will now have the option to purchase a High Resolution Digital Download of their child’s image and Family/Sibling packages will also be able to be ordered online!

MSP Photography will be taking our school photos this year. Parent’s can send the money to the school in the envelope supplied however On-Line Ordering, where parents are now able to select their preferred package online makes it much easier for our parent community.
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PRINCIPAL’S TOUR MONDAY 22ND JUNE
9.30AM or 6PM
Contact 8557 9000 for further information or
visit www.galilee.catholic.edu.au
Galilee Catholic School
Corner Quinliven and How Roads Aldinga
Healthy Lunch Box Ideas

I always pack fresh vegetables in my children’s lunch boxes and try and include lots of different colours. I often include protein by adding leftover meat, chicken or fish from dinner and make sure there are healthy fats from things like avocado, fish, cheese or yoghurt.

I always make a batch of muffins or bliss balls using nutritious ingredients on a Sunday so I have a homemade ‘treat’ to pack for them every day. We use the thermos a lot to keep things like yoghurt cool in the summer and things like soup warm in the winter.

Jasper’s thoughts:

‘I like having food in my lunchbox that is homemade because it is yummy and healthy.’

Jessica Donovan

Jessica Donovan is a naturopath and often shares her healthy lunchbox and meal ideas on her blog Energetic Mama www.energeticmama.com and on Facebook www.facebook.com/energeticmama and Instagram @energeticmama

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St Vincent de Paul Society

St Vincent de Paul WILLUNGA CONFERENCE

2015 Winter Appeal CAN YOU HELP?

Recently the call on the services of the Willunga Conference of St. Vincent de Paul to assist local residents with food, clothing and utility account payment assistance is increasing. The income that is received in the form of grants and donations is far outweighed by the need in our local and wider community.

The Willunga Conference is making an appeal to parents at Galilee Catholic Learning Community who are in a position to help financially to make a donation to the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal.

If you can help donation envelopes are available at the front desk at Galilee and can be returned to the Society via post, or left at the front desk. We also have a collection tin which you can pop any spare change into. Every little bit helps.

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Parish News

FAMILY MASS

Our next FAMILY MASS will be on Saturday, 13th June at 5:30pm at Mary of Galilee Church. All families are invited to come along and to join in celebrating the Eucharist together with the Parish Community. Children are especially invited to attend and to be involved in the readings, prayers, processions etc. Inquiries to Sharon Doyle at school, or to Sister Margaret Ann on 0488287552.
Bush Dancing
During our Sport lessons we have been participating in Bush Dancing lessons in preparation for our Bush Dancing Bonanza Night. We can’t wait to teach our parents and families ALL the dances!

World of MATHS
On Monday of Week 2 Albert from World of Maths came to work with all the students in Stage 2. He brought with him a number of problem solving activities. We had to work in small groups to solve the different problems. One of the things we found most surprising was that Maths occurs all around us every day! We are using maths without even realising it!

Finn, Azi, Kelsey and Leo try to solve the tangram problem. They did it!

Gwyn, Darcy and Cyan try to fit all the blocks back in the box. It proved quite difficult. Luckily Albert came to help! Sometimes you need to think ‘out of the box!’
Please text if your child is going to be absent, late, leaving early for an appointment etc, you can send a SMS text message before 9am on m) 0407761162. Note new number
Please provide child's name, reason, and teacher. Please record this number in your mobile.

Q: For sibling enrolments do we need to submit an application for enrolment?
A: Yes. All enrolments to the school require their own individual enrolment application. These can be collected at the front office or by emailing njwalters@galilee.catholic.edu.au. We are currently looking at 2016 enrolments and will be holding interviews in the near future. If you have another child who is due to start next year can you please submit a form ASAP. If you have any queries regarding enrolments please feel free to contact me on the email address above.

Q Have we changed School Banks?
A: Yes. This year we will be using Bendigo Bank at Aldinga for our school banking, as Bank SA no longer pick up in our area. If you would like to open a new account for your child/ren with Bendigo, please come to the front office to collect an account enrolment pack. Once your account is opened you will be supplied with a Welcome passbook account pack for your child/ren. Tuesday will still remain our school banking day. If you have a current school bank account opened with Bank SA it will still remain open.

Q Can I buy a Galilee school hat from the front office at school?
A: Yes. Hats are $16 each and will be available from the front office. We have two sizes and styles available; bucket and slouch. Small/medium or large/extra large

Q Do private music tutors teach lessons on site at Galilee?
A: Yes for Guitar, Piano and for Violin. If you are interested in private tuition for your child you can contact the relevant tutor below and they will provide information about lessons which are held on site and during the school day. These lessons are rostered at a different time each week so that your child will not miss out on the same lesson each week. I.e. the lesson may be at 9am one week and at 10am the next and so forth. For more information contact:  
GUITAR: Tammara Wellman 0410595300  
VIOLIN: Robin Anthony 0450981476  
PIANO: Beth Maddock 0412284594  
DRUMS: Kyrie Anderson 0403882382

Q Where is the Lost Property located?
A: Lost Property is located adjacent the Front Office on the Eastern side. Lost property will be cleared out each fortnight.

Q When is the Second Hand Uniform shop?
A: Yes. The uniform shop will be open the following times this term:  
MONDAY Morning and afternoon  
WEDNESDAY Morning and afternoon  
Morning opening times: 8.45am–9.15am - Afternoon 3.00pm–3.30pm
Nature Play

The Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities
The Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities, the peak for Catholic School parents in SA has released its 2014 Annual Report which was tabled at the Federation’s AGM held on 30th May 2015. You can access the Annual Report by going to http://www.parentfederation.catholic.edu.au/about-us/annual-reports

JamaeRaw – School of performing arts
JamaeRaw is a non-for-profit organisation and we are passionate about providing a unique service within our community. Classes include acting, singing, dance and music. For students aged 4 years. Free trial lesson available. e) jamaeraw@gmail.com or www.jamaeraw.org.

School Dental Service
The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider. All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome to attend. Dental care is FREE for most children. A small fee may apply for children who are not eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule. All dental care provided is FREE for preschool children. To locate your local School Dental Clinic, or for more information about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au

Organic Vegetable Market Stall
After school every Friday afternoon between 3.30 and 5.30pm, call in to the Aldinga Arts EcoVillage Car Park for fresh beautiful vegetables http://villagegreens.com.au/ Village Greens of Willunga Creek.

Southern Theatre and Arts Supporters Inc.

City of Onkaparinga 2015 Community Civic Awards
Nominations are now open. The city of Onkaparinga presents the annual community civic awards to recognise the contributions made by individuals within our community. These awards recognise actions and achievements of people who go above and beyond what is reasonable expected in a diverse range of endeavours. Nomination forms including eligibility criteria are available on www.onkaparingacity.com. Nominations close on Friday 26th June 2015. Please contact Sheryn on p) 83017213 or shemce@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au

Emma’s Hair Accessories
Gorgeous Winter School Uniform Hair Accessories are now available at the 2nd hand uniform shop. Prices ranging from $2.95.